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PETITION TO WITHDRAWAL NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

　　　It is respectfully requested that the December 4, 2001 Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn. The Notice of Abandonment states that the applicant failed to timely file a proper reply to the Official Letter mailed on April 24, 2001. However, a Request for Continued Examination was filed on October 23, 2001 with a 2 month petition to Extend Time.

　　　Per a December 26, 2001 request by PTO Examiner Supervisor Chen, the undersigned transmits herewith a photocopy of the Request for Continued Examination Transmittal Letter, Petition to Extend Time, Amendment to the application, 37 CFR 1.131 Affidavit, a photocopy of a postcard sent with the Request for Continued Examination, and a photocopy of two checks evidencing a $570.00 payment fee. Also

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enclosed is a photocopy of the Notice of Abandonment. Finally, enclosed is a self-addressed postcard.

As such, the applicant hereby requests that the application be restored and the same ripen into an issued patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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